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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director, National Foreign
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FROM: Acting Legislative Counsel

SUBJECT: Retention of NIDs by the Congress

1. On a couple of occasions in the past, it has appeared that the Senate Select Committee on Intelligence would have been well served had it had available to them the NIDs on file in their Committee offices rather than reading them and returning them to Headquarters the same day.

2. When this arrangement was made with the Committees on the Hill, to send them up in the morning and have them returned each night, it was essential due to lack of proper security facilities on the Hill. That situation has changed, at least as far as the Senate Select and House Permanent Select Committees are concerned. They now have 24-hour guard service, they have Agency-approved safes, etc.

3. I would like your comments on whether or not you feel that we could reevaluate this situation as far as these two Committees are concerned and perhaps allow them to retain their copies instead of returning them each day.

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